

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 26, 2005, to allow commissioners to individually review correspondence. Chairman Fred Rowley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members R. Kraig Kirchner, Tim Sipe, Gene Merry and Larry Crotts present. Also present were Angie Kirchner, Coffey County Clerk, Doug Witteman, Coffey County Attorney, and Donna Berland, Administrative Assistant.

2. Merry moved, to approve the minutes of Monday, September 19, 2005, as corrected, seconded by Crotts. Paragraph 4., replace ‘and the City of Burlington are’ with “is”; after ‘demolition’ add “of the house for the City of Burlington”.

3. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Becky Jewett met with the Board to request the Board’s approval and to have Chairman Fred Rowley sign the National Incident Management System for FY 2005 Certification.

3a. The Board will approve the National Incident Management System for FY 2005 once the minimum requirements are met. Jewett will return to the Board for approval and the Chairman’s signature once the minimum requirements are satisfied.

4. The Board discussed the weight of the Emergency Preparedness trailer with Jewett. The trailer weighs 2,000 lbs. loaded and 1,000 lbs. empty in discussion of the type of vehicle Jewett may decide to purchase.

5. Hub Caspar, County Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly report dated September 26, 2005. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, and Jeff Beyer, Landfill Supervisor, were also present.

5 a. The Board also discussed the County mowing policy and decided that it should remain as it currently is.

6. Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: Two Road Permits were issued during the past week.

7. Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Jeff Beyer – E-Waste Recycle tour.

8. B026 (KDOT 16C-3952-01) Bid Results:

COMPANY	AMOUNT
Midwest	\$ 395,781.54
Beachner	\$ 418,536.00
King	\$ 465,079.00
Reece	\$ 492,147.00
Steuber	\$ 493,277.00
Cohron	\$ 501,453.00
KDOT Estimate	\$ 405,000.00

- 9.** Caspar also presented the Construction Zone Report for the week ending September 26, 2005.
- 10.** Caspar discussed with the Board that residents living on 16th Road south of New Strawn and east of Kafir Road are concerned about the dust problem, on what used to be an asphalted road that is currently under reconstruction. The road will not be completed until late next spring or summer. Caspar asked for assistance from the Sheriff's office to enforce the newly posted 15 mile per hour signs to keep traffic from stirring up large amounts of dust. The Road and Bridge Department is going to move the Road and Bridge crew in to finish the grading and put rock down on 16<sup>th</sup> this week if the weather holds out. After much discussion, the Board was in full agreement that after the rock is laid, 16<sup>th</sup> road residents could purchase dust control at a discounted rate to aid in keeping the dust down until the project is completed.
- 11.** Sipe moved, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the letter to submit the application for the 2005 County Public Improvement Award, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.
- 12.** Crotts moved, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the commitment letter to send to RWD #2 regarding the Rural LeRoy Expansion, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.
- 13.** Economic Development Director Jon Hotaling introduced Dennis Hoffman to the Board and requested an Executive Session.
- 13a.** Merry moved, to recess into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. for 20 minutes to include each of the Commissioners the County Attorney, Economic Development Director Jon Hotaling, and Dennis Hoffman, to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of a corporation, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
- 13b.** Witteman left Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. for a Doctor's Appointment.
- 14.** The Board resumed regular session at 10:55 a.m.
- 15.** Merry moved, to authorize and direct the Economic Development Director Jon Hotaling to work with County Attorney Doug Witteman, City Attorney Steve Smith and the City of Burlington to work on a memorandum of understanding, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
- 16.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, submitted the weekly report for the week of September 26, 2005.
- 17.** Item No. 95-24; Hotaling attended the Kansas Renewable Energy Conference in Topeka. The Lieutenant Governor spoke about the importance of reassessing renewable energy resources after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Randy Udall spoke about the fact that Americans each use 140 lbs of oil and plastic per week. He also explained that two-thirds of the Texas oil field has been used up, that U.S. production of oil peaked in 1970 and is down 40% from that peak now. Lisa Daniels, of Windustry, spoke about the benefits of community wind generators either publicly owned or privately owned.

**18.** Item No. 96-3; On Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Hotaling delivered the funds from the 3<sup>rd</sup> CDBG draw down to Shane Sutherland of Mid-American Machine, LLC. Hotaling reviewed the balance remaining and explained that \$8,000 of the remaining balance will go to the Eastern Kansas Economic Development Group for grant administration. Hotaling also reminded Shane to provide a completed application for tax exemption to the City of LeRoy, by October 15<sup>th</sup>, so the process can be completed before 2006.

**19.** Item No. 01-4; Hotaling filed an easement with the Register of Deeds for a mural on the north side of the Burlington Masonic Lodge building. The lodge hopes to have the mural completed before winter.

**20.** Item No. 01-5; Hotaling attended the annual Kansas Leadership Forum Conference in Topeka. Tuesday evening the Conference included a tour of KTWU-TV and a presentation by art students entitled “Art as a Window for Leadership”. Wednesday the Conference included a tour of the Brown vs. The Board of Education National Historic Site at Monroe School and a presentation on how leadership development can help bring a “Peaceful Existence in Our Communities”. Wednesday evening the Conference included a seminar on “Appreciative Inquiry”. Appreciative inquiry involves asking the right questions to help groups and individuals recognize positive potential.

**21.** Item No. 05-3; Hotaling met with Linda Doggett, City Clerk of LeRoy, to review the tax exemption application and the City worksheet information.

**22.** Hotaling met with representatives of the City of Burlington to see how their meeting with a business prospect went. The City is on the same page with the County as far as funding is concerned.

**23.** Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers and Under Sheriff Kenny Roney met with the Board to discuss the Annex Building roof replacement. Water rescue building roof replacement was completed last week. Rogers discussed temporarily hiring a couple of City of Burlington Police Department Officers to provide security on the Annex building while the roof is being replaced over the Evidence Room. Rogers stated that it would save his budget from spending extra on overtime for current sheriff’s officers.

**23a.** Merry moved, to support hiring temporary help to provide security at the Sherriff’s Annex Building to protect evidence while roof replacement is being restored, funds not to exceed \$1,000.00 to come from the General Fund, Courthouse General Contractual Line Item, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.

**24.** Rowley adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m. until Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. to sign checks and vouchers and to address any other County business that may arise.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### Response Not Required

1. Stumbo Hanson & Hendricks LLP

2. Burlington City Council Regular Session - September 7, 2005
3. Sharon Gueho & Family - Thank you note
4. The Kiplinger Letter - Sept. 16, 2005

Minutes, September 26, 2005

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk